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Kay Granger, Chairwoman  
Rosa L. DeLauro, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 in the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Natchez Forks to Freedom Park in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Natchez located at 124 South Pearl Street, Natchez, Mississippi 39120. The funding would assist in the creation of the Forks to Freedom Park. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the area is in a dilapidated condition, causing economic decline, loss of opportunity, declining property values, and potentially an increase in crime, and the park would revitalize the area. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson  
Member of Congress